

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: By Senator McGee, on January 19, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 303 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Gary Branae (D)
Sen. Taylor Brown (R)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)
Sen. Dan McGee (R)
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)
Sen. Ryan Zinke (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Rick Laible, Chairman (R)
Sen. Rick Ripley, Vice Chairman (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Casey Barrs, Legislative Branch
Nadine Spencer, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 173, 1/13/2009

Executive Action: SB 80; SB 81; SJ 8

HEARING ON SB 173

00:01:27 Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. TERRY MURPHY (R), SD 39, opened the hearing on **SB 173**, Clarify ability of school districts to share superintendents and principals.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:37 Sabrina Steketee, Trustee, Jefferson High School and
Boulder Elementary School Board
00:04:46 Diane Lorenzen, Trustee, Jefferson High School and
Clancy Elementary School Board
00:05:59 Sharyl Allen, School Administrator, Jefferson High
School
00:09:28 Dustin Shipman, Principal, Boulder Elementary School
00:10:37 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)
00:12:37 Rep. Scott Mendenhall (R), HD 77

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:14:03 Sen. Brown
00:14:29 Sabrina Steketee
00:14:42 Sen. Brown
00:14:54 Sabrina Steketee
00:15:07 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy
00:15:50 Sen. McGee
00:16:00 Sen. Ripley entered the hearing
00:16:29 Lance Melton
00:19:03 Sen. McGee
00:19:12 Lance Melton
00:19:59 Sen. McGee
00:20:25 Sen. Murphy
00:20:32 Sabrina Steketee
00:21:01 Sen. McGee
00:21:09 Sabrina Steketee
00:21:14 Sen. McGee
00:21:49 Sharyl Allen
00:22:40 Sen. McGee
00:22:59 Sharyl Allen
00:23:25 Sen. McGee
00:23:42 Sen. Hawks
00:24:21 Lance Melton

00:25:19 Sen. Hawks
00:25:35 Lance Melton
00:26:07 Sen. Hawks
00:26:13 Sen. McGee

Closing by Sponsor:

00:26:19 Sen. Murphy

00:28:03 Recess
00:33:18 Reconvene

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 81

00:33:46 **Motion:** SEN. McGEE moved that **SB 81 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:33:50 Sen. McGee
00:38:44 Sen. Hawks
00:43:10 Sen. Zinke
00:43:45 Sen. Branae
00:45:13 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy
00:46:41 Sen. McGee

00:52:01 **Vote:** **MOTION FAILED** 4-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Ripley, Brown, McGee and Zinke voting aye and Chairman Laible voting no by proxy.

Discussion:

00:53:00 Sen. McGee

00:53:11 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. HAWKS moved that **SB 81 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED.** Motion carried by voice vote with Sen. McGee voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 80

00:54:21 **Motion:** SEN. McGEE moved that **SB 80 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:54:41 Sen. Hawks
00:57:03 Sen. Zinke
00:57:41 Sen. McGee

01:01:46 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** SEN. BRANAE moved that **SB 80 BE TABLED. MOTION CARRIED** 6-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Ripley, McGee and Zinke voting no and Chairman Laible voting yes by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 8

01:03:34 **Motion:** SEN. HAWKS moved that **SJ 8 DO PASS.**

Motion: SEN. HAWKS moved that **SJ 8 BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT(eds12a01)

Discussion:

01:04:26 Sen. Hawks

01:07:51 Sen. Zinke

01:08:29 Sen. Hawks

01:09:37 Sen. Brown

01:10:05 Sen. Hawks

01:10:47 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. HAWKS moved that **SJ 8 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote.

Without objection the committee report was retained until Chairman Laible was present to vote. Sen. McGee was absent and left no proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:23 P.M.

NADINE SPENCER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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